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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 3919

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GROMYKO VISIT TO PARIS

1. QUAI HAS FINALLY CONFIRMED TO US THAT SOVIET
FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO DUE TO ARRIVE PARIS 3 P.M.
FEBRUARY 15 AND WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU
LATER THAT AFTERNOON. HE WILL SEE FOREIGN MINISTER
JOBERT AT DINNER THAT SAME EVENING AND PROBABLY HAVE
FURTHER TALKS WITH HIM OVER THE WEEKEND. HE WILL
DEPART AT 10 A.M. FEBRUARY 18 FOR ROME.

2. COMMENT. QUAI OFFICIALS REMAIN TIGHT LIPPED ON
SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED BY GROMYKO, BUT OBVIOUS FIRST
ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE FINALLY TO SET DATE FOR
BREZHNEV-POMPIDOU SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL FRENCH
SOURCES AND A NOTE IN LE MONDE FEBRUARY 12, IT IS
SOVIET SIDE THAT HAS BEEN HOLDING BACK ON THIS. HOW-
EVER, SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TOLD US FEBRUARY
12 THAT IT IS FRENCH WHO HAVE BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET.
WHEREVER THE TRUTH MAY LIE, THE ENTIRE MATTER HAS CLEARLY
BECOME AN APPLE OF DISCORD, TESTIFYING TO THE CONTINUED
STRAIN BETWEEN PARIS AND MOSCOW.

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